

I strongly urge you to accept the Governor's proposal and the Democratic Task Force subcommittee report and use these as a guide to create a law that will be beneficial for Connecticut and be a proud example for other states to follow. I won't reiterate what you have heard ad infinitum. You know what your mission is. Please do it.

We know as fact the countless thousands of gun related deaths that occur annually in this country. Most of us recognize that we have become so gun-crazed that an expectation exists that arming oneself is tantamount to being patriotic.

It isn't. We have existed in this false bubble for so long that we have simply accepted it as the American way and no other alternatives will suffice. But this is longer acceptable.

You are empowered to pass laws for the public good. We the citizens, are demanding a major change in the "business as usual" as it applies to the killing fields of our gun culture.

This gun-crazed culture that has existed for so long is slowly becoming the past. We have had enough of the gun industry propaganda that tells us that guns are as American as apple pie. They aren't.

Well the diet must change and will change. We will change it. You will change it. You all know about the thousands that die each year by the click of a trigger. You know the data. It doesn't need to be this way.

You will hear those that will tell you that assault weapons bans didn't work before and they won't work now. You know something, they are correct. And they didn't work because we didn't go far enough.

You probably all know that the British Parliament passed a law in 1996 outlawing most guns. After banning most handguns larger than 22 caliber, they passed a second law outlawing the remaining weapons. The parliament vote was 384-181. And it was not a partisan divide. We instead, create these partisan divides because of the size of our industry lobbies.

A new day has dawned in this country. I don't know if you realize how strong this movement to ban weapons is. We are organizing all across the country. We are organizing in small towns and large cities. We are growing.

One of the reasons we will continue to grow is our inexhaustible supply of volunteers. None of these volunteers know how much value they will contribute to the cause of gun control. Because when the time comes to volunteer, they will quickly become a martyr by being cut down by a bullet. It could be me or it could be you. And each time this happens, we will add more converts to support the cause of gun control.

We have grown quite a bit in the 3 short months since December 14.

We are here to stay. We welcome you all to be part of the solution to help create a truly safer society. If you cannot be a part of this solution, then please get out of the way.

And if you doubt the resolve of this movement to rid ourselves of this gun menace, you will find yourselves on the losing side of this cause. We will be there watching every election cycle beginning in 2014.

The Governor's proposal and the Democratic Task Force subcommittee report is a beginning. It doesn't go far enough. But it is an honest beginning.

Let's move forward together and make this work.

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